



Hearings for Site Recommendation Consideration of the Yucca Mountain Site for Geologic Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste

Comment Sheet

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In addition to the verbal comments made at the Goldfield Community Center on October 11, 2001, I would like to add: My family moved to Goldfield in 1981 and we have lived here continuously since then. I have watched Emeraldada County's economy fall steadily since about 1988, and fall rapidly since 1992. Our seven children went through the public school system during 1981 through 1993, and now we have grandchildren in the public schools. I was elected to the Emeraldada County School Board in 1997 and am still serving on the board. The school district's financial situation is grim. In order to provide educational services to this county's children, the challenges are increasing each year as our student enrollment continues to decline. With the decline in student enrollment, the Board has less money to operate with. Our teachers are faced with teaching multi-grade classrooms. A very difficult task in itself and this year we have had several parents pulling their children out of Emeraldada County Schools in favor of neighboring Nye County Schools in Tonopah. This action by these parents has left a bitter taste in my mouth. But I understand their predicament. They want better education for their children. During the years my own children went through the schools, the population was double what it is today. Emeraldada County needs an economic boost. With little or no mining and the Tonopah Test Range virtually shut down, our county is dying. So many businesses have closed, many people just move away without being able to sell their homes or businesses. As I said in my verbal comments, we don't "want" the waste, but unfortunately I would have to admit we "need" it for our economy. I am under the impression that nearly all of the rural counties in Nevada are

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economically depressed. Perhaps a working railroad through the state could help.

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